

Year 10 Elective History topics

Rights and Freedoms

Students study the origins and significance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and the struggle of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples for rights and freedoms. They also explore the influence of the US civil rights movement on Australia and the role of individuals in bringing about change. Emphasis is given to key events and issues such as the Stolen Generations, the 1967 Referendum, Reconciliation, the Mabo Decision and the Apology.

The Vietnam War Era

Students study Australian and American actions in the Vietnam War era as a response to the fear of communism. The ANZUS Treaty, SEATO Alliance, the Australian attempt to ban the Communist Party, the Petrov Affair, the Korean War and the Vietnam War are all studied. Students also examine the role of conscientious objectors, the moratorium movement, and the impact of this era on Vietnam veterans, Indo-Chinese refugees and Australian culture. The consequences of the Vietnam War on Cambodia are also analysed with a particular focus on Pol Pot's regime.